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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Stephen Alan Smith, et al.

Application No.: 10/826,968

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Art Unit: 3727

For: Container Lid With Closure Member

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner For Patents

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TWO-MONTH REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 26, 2006

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP 706.07, Applicants submit this Two-Month Reply to the final Office Action of January 26, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire on April 26, 2006. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Other Than A Small Entity		
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee	
Total	23 -	23 =	0		x \$25=			x \$50=	\$0	
Independent	5 -	5 =	0		x \$100=			x \$200=	\$0	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						x \$180=			x \$360=	\$0
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

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☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

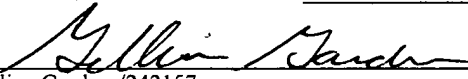
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